

## **Activities Club**

This club guides students in creating, planning, and carrying out opportunities for peer interaction during and outside of the normal school day. There are also leadership positions available in this club. We have a president and vice president of our club who help run the meetings and make necessary phone calls with advisor guidance. Activities that we have helped the students plan and participate in include: Going to the movies, Dances, Game nights, Bowling, Miniature Golfing, Football games, Basketball games, Shopping at the mall, Going out to dinner, Activity nights at student's houses, etc.

**Advisors:** Mrs. McMichael & Mrs. Taylor

**Meeting Day:** Thursday in Room 239

**How to join:** Application

## **Aavidum**

The founder of Aavidum (Ah-veed-um) is Joe Vulopas (Voo-low-pas). The club was started in 2004 at Cocalico High School. It's a student-led group that raises awareness about depression and suicide. The goal of the group is to create a culture where mental wellness is embraced and each member of the community feels supported by a theme of "I've got your back." The club empowers students to take responsibility to make a difference.

Penn Manor started an Aavidum club in 2013, but the club is now nationwide, including schools in Delaware, California, and Pennsylvania. Other Lancaster County schools that promote Aavidum are Hempfield, Warwick, Lancaster Mennonite, and Lancaster Catholic. Aavidum is for all grade levels - elementary, middle school, and high school, and it is even spreading to the college level: Penn State is the first to initiate this. Aavidum has been recognized by Pennsylvania State Senate and the Pennsylvania House and the nation's top mental health experts.

**The word Aavidum is made-up. But it comes from the Latin "vid" - which represents life. When students and faculty pledge "Aavidum": They pledge to SAVE LIVES!**

**Advisors:** Miss Vita & Mr. Bechtel

**Meeting Day:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays (**officers only**) in Room 316 & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays (**whole club**) in the East Gym

**How to join:** Application

### **Anime & Manga Book Club**

"The Anime and Manga Book Club will focus on book talks and discussions about plot, character development, conflict, and other literary elements of manga novels. Students will engage in themed discussions based on important cultural, philosophical, and topics illustrated in manga. For example, one week students might focus on elements of Shinto in anime and manga, providing examples where this eastern religion is illustrated. Viewings of anime will be used for a side-by-side comparison, allowing students to analyze how a single story or plot line can change between a text and a video recreation. From time to time, cultural speakers, artists, writers, and other associated experts may talk to the club, promoting a deeper understanding of the art form and provide students insight into career opportunities."

**Advisor:** Mr. Hertzog

**Meeting Day:** Wednesday in Room 312

**How to join:** Application

### **Civil War**

The Civil War Club is designed to study the America Civil War. Members of the club will study individual leaders, battles, strategies, and research done on the America Civil War.

**Advisor:** Mr. Herman

**Meeting Day:** Wednesday in Room 501

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### **Comet Connections**

Comet Connections is a club to help students who are new to the Penn Manor School District become part of the high school culture and community. Students will participate in activities that will build connections to the school and various student groups along with providing information about school offerings and opportunities. This club is intended for students in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Paquette & Mrs. Basile

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in the Auxiliary Gym

**How to Join:** Open Enrollment

### Envirothon

Students will focus their studies on the 5 topics of the Envirothon: Forestry, aquatics, soils, wildlife and a new topic selected every year based on current events and issues. Students will participate in a variety of ecological activities geared at preparing them for the county Envirothon.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Crowther & Mrs. Beck

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in Room 407

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### FBLA-Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA is a leadership development program to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship. Learn about the world of business and what is expected of you in the workplace. This club is available to students who have taken Accounting I & II, Marketing & Advertising, Entrepreneurship, and International Business and Investing or another business/economy/agribusiness related class approved by the advisor. The student must also complete an application for membership by going to FBLA's Google Classroom.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Craig

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday (**officers only**) and Wednesday (**whole group**) in Room 100

**How to join:** Application

### FCA

FCA Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a national organization that focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. The club/huddle provides students interested in faith and sport, the opportunity to share in fellowship. There are leadership opportunities within the club because it is run by students. Meetings consist of physical activities and devotions. You do not need to be an athlete to join the club.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Kramer

**Meeting Day:** Wednesday

**Location:** West Gym

**How to join:** Open Enrollment, Cap 40 students

### **FCCLA-Family, Career & Community Leaders of America**

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, or FCCLA, is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences classes. There are opportunities to learn through exciting competitive events, conferences and much more. FCCLA at the state and national level also offers scholarships. Anyone who has taken a Family and Consumer Sciences class in high school is eligible for this club (Skills, Foods & Nutrition, Child Development, Living On Your Own, Fashion Merchandising, etc.). See any Family & Consumer Sciences teacher for more information.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Sheerer

**Meeting Day:** Wednesday in Room 234

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### **FFA**

Manor FFA is an intra-curricular organization open to any student who is enrolled in an agricultural education class. The FFA motto is Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve. Our chapter serves it's members and the Penn Manor Community by building leaders, growing communities, and strengthening agriculture. If you are in an agriculture class in the fall or spring, you are able to participate in our many activities. Please stop in to see an agriculture teacher to learn how to get involved and develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success!

**Advisor:** Mr. Fellenbaum

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday and Thursday in Room 517

**How to join:** Application

### First Priority

First Priority is Penn Manor's Christian Club. This club is run weekly by students who provide guest speakers, worship through song, scripture and video. The club also sponsors See You At the Pole for early morning worship throughout the year.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Rottmund

**Meeting Day:** Thursdays in Room 246

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### German Club

The German Club at Penn Manor High School welcomes students who express interest in learning about any aspect of the German culture (the people, the history, the customs, the language, international relations, etc.). The goal of German Club is to promote German cultural awareness by providing educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities to club members.

Some activities, all related to German and Germany of course, that students can expect are:

Games (group games, online games, trivia, etc.)

Food and drink

The celebration of German holidays

Guest speakers

German music

1 Field trip

German history

Research of German businesses in our area.

German American Partnership Program preparation

**For Gapp students this club is mandatory.**

**Advisor:** Mrs. Smith

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in Room 508

**How to join:** German Students

### **GSA Club**

The mission of the GSA club is to work towards a more accepting environment for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity through education, support, social action, and advocacy. To promote tolerance and acceptance throughout the school community and to provide a safe, non-judgmental space where they can fully express their individuality and share experiences. In addition, it is also our intent to create alliances that increase awareness, decrease prejudices and create a safe school atmosphere for all. We believe that schools can be truly safe only when every student is assured of access to an education without fear of harassment or violence.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Mintzer and Mrs. Sheerer

**Meeting Day:** Thursday in Room 234

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### **Intramural Club**

Students will organize and officiate their own recreational games. Games will mainly consist of basketball, volleyball and advisor choices. Students must have successfully completed 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Physical, Health and Safety Education. Enrollment is limited to first 36 Seniors or Juniors.

**Advisor:** Mr. Basile

**Meeting Day:** Thursday in the East Gym

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### **MiniTHON**

MiniTHON club was created to support our school's efforts in fighting childhood cancer with the Four Diamonds Foundation. We are looking for students who want to get involved in the fundraising, organizing, planning, and preparation of the PMHS MiniTHON event. Leadership, teamwork, and a servant's heart are qualities needed for this club. This is a year-long commitment and will require some time outside of the regular scheduled school day.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Kramer & Ms. Forney

**Meeting Day:** Thursday

**Location:** West Gym

**How to join:** Open Enrollment, Cap 40 students

## **Mock Trial**

The Penn Manor Mock Trial Team is a competitive academic squad that generally meets outside of school hours. It competes against other schools in the American Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition. In this competition, students work to prepare a case that is argued in a real courtroom, in front of a real judge, using a jury of actual legal professionals. We also have a practicing attorney advising us in case preparations. It is an excellent experience for students who want to go to law school, have an interest in criminal justice, or who are simply looking for a serious academic challenge. The first round of trials takes place in the Lancaster County Courthouse.

**Advisor:** Mr. Boxleitner

**Meeting Day:** After School in Room 303

**How to join:** Academic Team

## **Model UN**

Students in Model UN club excel in their knowledge of current events, political policies, debate, discussing global issues, leadership, speaking in front of a large group and learning about the United Nations policies.

Seasoned Model UN club participants will attend the Ivy League Model UN conference run by University of Pennsylvania and the entire club will take part in the five local Susquehanna Valley Model UN conferences to practice our skills and prepare for larger conferences.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Bookman

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in Room 234

**How to join:** Application

### **Multicultural Club**

*Multicultural: relating to or constituting several cultural or ethnic groups within a society.* The purpose of Multicultural Club is for students to interact with other students and share their cultural background, because everyone has a story to tell; embrace what makes you, you! In Multicultural Club, students will participate in games and activities designed to share their respective cultures. Students will also plan ways to highlight the cultures represented at Penn Manor throughout the school year, culminating in the presentation of various countries (and their foods!) on Multicultural Day, which will take place in the spring.

**Advisors:** Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Smith

**Meeting Day:** Thursday in Room 508

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### **National Honor Society**

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nation's high schools and since 1921 millions of students have been selected for membership.

The Penn Manor High School Chapter has been active since 1930. Members are selected by the faculty for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.85 or higher and be active members of their community to be eligible for consideration.

**Advisors:** Mrs. Myers & Mrs. Henderson

**Meeting Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the Cafeteria

**How to join:** Application

### **Quiz Bowl**

Please listen for announcements for a complete description and information on how to join.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Bookman and Mr. Meier

**Meeting Day:** After school in the Library

**How to join:** Academic team

### Recycling Initiative

Students who are concerned about the environment and being good “citizens of the Earth” collect recyclables from classrooms and the hallway bins each week. Participation is limited to 10 students. Please see Mrs. Bookman in room 204 if you are interested in helping.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Bookman

**Meeting Day:** Thursday in Room 216

**How to join:** Application

### Science National Honor Society

Science National Honor Society (SNHS) is a national organization honoring and encouraging student excellence in science. Institutions nation-wide recognize SNHS members as scientific leaders in their high school and community. The objectives of the SNHS are:

- encouraging and recognizing scientific and intellectual thought
- advancing students’ knowledge of classical and modern science
- communicating with the scientific community
- aiding the civic community with its comprehension of science

**Advisor:** Mrs. Crowther

**Meeting Day:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in Room 408

**How to join:** Application

### Scrubs Club

Please join us if you are interested in experiencing the rewarding field of nursing and other health-care related professions. This dynamic club will meet once per month and will include hands-on activities and demonstrations, basic healthcare presentations, guest speakers, and a field trip to Lancaster General Hospital. The club will also be involved in a service learning project for your peers that will involve script-writing, acting, and film production to educate them on a serious health risk.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Wittemann

**Meeting Day:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in room 501

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

## Serteen

Serteen is a service organization that is the "teenage version" of SERTOMA, an international service organization. The purposes of the Serteen Club of Penn Manor High School are to:

- Promote acquaintance, friendship and fellowship as an opportunity for service.
- Encourage and foster the idea of service and to provide opportunities for members to serve the less fortunate and the community.
- Promote the freedom of individuals and the maintenance of the principles of free enterprise; to encourage good government and good citizenship; and to further mutual tolerance and understanding among all people.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Kroesen & Ms. Stover

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in Room 389

**How to join:** Application

## STEM

This year's competition theme is, "Improving Pennsylvania Through STEM," and features teams of students from across the commonwealth challenged to research, present, and design a device or project that can make the quality of life better for citizens of Pennsylvania.

High school teams will be provided with a \$500 stipend to design and build a prototype of a device that can accomplish a series of practical tasks that can be translated into real life needs. Students will engage with their local community to learn about STEM-related careers and the skills necessary to be successful.

To culminate the experience, students will be asked to present their findings and explain the practical applications of their device to a panel of judges. The challenge test teams' communication, problem solving, and critical thinking skills while providing them with a unique opportunity to share their creativity with other students from across the state.

Applications can be picked up in Mr. Groff's room 105.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Miller

**Meeting Day:** Wednesday in Room 102

**How to join:** Application

## Student Council

Student Council, a prominent student government organization, gives students a voice in determining school activities and environment. It helps promote activities for the entire student body at Penn Manor High School and fosters a positive climate throughout the school. To be eligible, a student must file a petition for nomination with the sponsor.

Elections take place in the spring. Since Student Council is modeled on our representative form of government and is intended to promote leadership skills, members are encouraged to attend leadership training activities at state and national workshops and conventions. Being a member of student council is both an honor and a challenge. Members plan and organize a tailgating party for homecoming and a holiday party for life-skills students in the district.

Members also plan and promote a holiday giving-tree to support low-income families within the district. Much of the fundraising returns to the community and/or student body: For example, the money raised at the student council run talent-show in the spring goes to the Reeder Duke scholarship. Furthermore, student council members assist with parent-teacher conferences, freshmen orientation, and 8th grade tours. Student council needs hard working, creative, fun loving students who can handle responsibility and represent their peers and school with integrity.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Kramer and Mr. Vrabel

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in the West Gym

**How to join:** Election

## Technology Student Association – TSA

TSA is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in technology. Open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology education courses, TSA's membership includes over 150,000 middle and high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 48 states. TSA is supported by educators, parents and business leaders who believe in the need for a technologically literate society. Members learn through exciting competitive events, leadership opportunities and much more. The diversity of activities makes TSA a positive experience for every student. From engineers to business managers, our alumni credit TSA with a positive influence on their lives.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Miller & Ms. Gerhart

**Meeting Days:** Tuesdays and Thursday in Room 102

**How to join:** Application

### Thespians Club

Thespians (ITS) is the drama club. Activities will revolve around all aspects of theatre – performance and technical theatre. Fall activities include the TOTS-EAT food drive, Spookhouse and apple dumplings fundraiser. Club members will serve as ushers & hand out program booklets at the fall play and spring musical performances. Everyone with an interest in theatre is welcome to join – but we ask that you complete an application for our records.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Mintzer

**Meeting Day:** Wednesday in the Auditorium

**How to join:** Open Enrollment

### Varsity Club

Penn Manor Varsity Club exists for the movers and shakers of Penn Manor High School to encourage the rest of their school to share in their excitement of Penn Manor's achievements and enhance school spirit. Varsity Club members should exemplify and display Comet Pride and strive to get classmates, faculty, and staff to share in their enthusiasm! Members must have earned a PM varsity letter and there is a limit to the first 40 acceptable applicants.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Ames & Ms. Hartung

**Meeting Day:** Tuesday in Room 393

**How to join:** Application

### Young Humanitarian League

Members of the Young Humanitarian League learn how to effectively help those less fortunate in the local, national, and international community. Students plan and carry out fundraising campaigns and make all decisions regarding how their funds are allocated. Past projects have included raising \$5,000 for an Ark through the Heifer Project, PM Giving Tree, donations to Water Street Rescue Mission, sponsorship for past members overseas work trips, and many other projects.

**Advisor:** Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Starry

**Meeting Day:** Thursday in Room 393

**How to join:** Application